

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No. 09/607,786
Filing Date 6/30/2000
Confirmation No. 1171
Inventorship Jianfeng Gao
Applicant..... Microsoft Corporation
Group Art Unit..... 2626
Examiner Lamont M Spooner
Attorney's Docket No. MS1-0441US
Title: A System and Method for Joint Optimization of Language Model Performance and Size

AMENDMENT

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 04/19/2006

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

From: Shirley L. Anderson
(Tel. 509.324.9256 ext. 258; Fax 509.323.8979)
Lee & Hayes, PLLC
421 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 500
Spokane, WA 99201
Customer Number 22801

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.